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LEBANON

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¶1. Post delivered reftel points to the responsible officer at the UN Policy Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on August 12. Poloff was referred to the public statement of Foreign Minister Taro Aso, repeated below, for Japan's response.

¶2. Begin text:

Japan welcomes the unanimous adoption of Security Council Resolution 1701 calling for a full cessation of hostilities by Israel and Hizbollah as well as for Israel and Lebanon to support a permanent ceasefire and a long-term solution based on the political framework stated in this resolution.

Japan has been calling for an immediate ceasefire to avoid further civilian victims and deterioration of the situation, and has been urging the parties concerned to make their utmost efforts and to exercise self-restraint towards a solution of the problem. Recognizing the necessity for the Security Council to address the issue promptly, Japan has also closely coordinated with the concerned countries for early adoption of the draft resolution.

Japan will continue to call upon all parties concerned, based on the resolution, to realize an immediate ceasefire, to immediately agree upon the political framework stated in the resolution, and to exert maximum effort to restore stability in the region.

Japan will continue to contribute actively to the efforts to build mid- and long-term stability in the region as a whole when it is restored based on the resolution.

End text.  
SCHIEFFER